



Attorney Docket No. 1201

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Schneider, et al. )

Serial No.: 09/266,889 )

Filed: March 12, 1999 )

For: Ultrasound Contrast Agents And )  
Methods Of Making And Using Them )

Art Unit: 1619

Examiner: M. Hartley

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants respectfully request entry of the enclosed Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and consideration of this Response to the Final Office Action mailed May 14, 2001 as well as the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement. A Notice of Appeal was filed on November 14, 2001, and a Petition for a Five Months Extension of Time to extend the time for filing a response from January 14, 2002 to June 14, 2002 is hereby enclosed. Thus, withdrawal of the finality of this Office Action is respectfully requested.

**In The Claims**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3), Applicants hereby submit a clean version of the entire set of pending claims.

1. (Previously Once Amended) A contrast agent comprising stabilized microbubbles, said stabilized microbubbles comprising a physiologically acceptable gas that is a freon, said stabilized microbubbles being stabilized, at least in part, by a surfactant.

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